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SUBJ: NEW PRICE FOR GABON'S URANIUM

1. FRENCH MISSION CONDUCTED BY ROLAND BILLECART, SPECIAL ENVOY OF GOF, AND ASSISTED BY MR. TARANGER, DIRECTOR OF PRODUCTION OF CEA (COMMISSARIAT A L'ENERGIE ATOMIQUE), WAS IN GABON APRIL 19 FOR DISCUSSIONS ABOUT PRICE OF URANIUM. IT WILL BE RECALLED THAT IN FEBRUARY 1974 AND SEVERAL TIMES SINCE, PRESIDENT BONGO STATED THAT PRICE OF URANIUM SHOULD BE HIGHER AS IT "SPECIAL" MINERAL RESOURCE AND THAT GOG WOULD HENCEFORTH BE INVOLVED IN ALL PRICE NEGOTIATIONS.

2. IN APRIL 19 MEETINGS GOG TEAM HEADED BY MIN OF MINES MBOUY-BOUTZIT, AND NEGOTIATIONS TOOK PLACE IN PRESENCE OF PRESIDENT BONGO. PRICE OF URANIUM FOR ALL OF 1975 FIXED AT 10,000 CFA FRANCS PER KILO OF URANIUM NATURAL CONTENT (ABOUT DOLS 48 AT CURRENT EXCHANGE RATE). THIS IS 163 PERCENT INCREASE OVER 3,800 CFA THAT GOG RECEIVED IN 1974. ACCORDING TO MINMINES SOURCES,

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GOF OFFERED PRICE OF 7,500 CFA, BUT GOG HELD FIRM SAYING

THEY WOULD NOT ACCEPT LESS THAN 10,000 CFA.
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